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## PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION PEST PROGRAM

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### WASHINGTON INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 4

Mark your calendars! Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) will host various webinars from February 28 to March 3, 2022 in support of Invasive Species Awareness Week. [Check WISC's website for updates.](#) Talks will include information on Washington Conservation Corps, Pacific Northwest European Green Crab, Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop, Asian giant hornet and much more! All webinars are free of charge and available to the public.

## FIELD REPORT VIA TVW, WASHINGTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS NETWORK

TVW published a Field Report episode including content on the Asian giant hornet as they take a closer look into the Washington Invasive Species Council. The council helps coordinate with other agencies to manage and eradicate invasive species in Washington. [To view the episode click here.](#)



## USDA-APHIS HOSTED ASIAN GIANT HORNET MEETINGS

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) hosted virtual meetings to review 2021 and discuss 2022 season plans. The group discussed survey plans and outreach efforts to use during the 2022 season. The meetings also reported on research conducted by APHIS, WSDA, USDA's Agricultural Research Service, academia, as well as discussion of future research needs to support AGH eradication.

## WASHINGTON GROWN FEATURES AGH

[Washington Grown](#) highlighted pollinators on one of their latest episodes. They featured the impacts Asian giant hornets could have in the state of Washington. It features interviews from WSDA's Hornet Response Team, and showcases a few in-the-field videos. [Click here to watch the episode.](#)

## BEEKEEPING TODAY PODCAST

WSDA's very own Sven-Erik Spichiger appeared on the Beekeeping Today Podcast. He provided an update on efforts to eradicate the hornet in Washington. He details history throughout the response, what discoveries have been made, and shares what the team hopes to accomplish moving forward. [Click here to listen to the discussion.](#)

## BUMBLES YOU MIGHT SEE!

WSDA received the first bumble submission for the year as a possible Asian giant hornet! Luckily the bumblebee was found dead and was not killed by the submitter. As the weather starts to warm bumblebee queens will be emerging – don't kill them! Bumblebees are hairy, hornets are not. If you see a fuzzy bee, let it be! During February, residents of Washington might see or hear Black-tailed bumble bees, and yellow-faced bumble bees. Both bumbles visit a variety of plants and pollinate as they go. You can see a picture of each below.



Photo credit: Jacqueline Freeman



Photo credit: Anna Brown

### HORNETS IN THE CLASSROOM

Hornet education never quits, even in the off season! The Pest Program outreach coordinator Cassie, has been taking a hornet show-and-tell on the road to many area schools in Whatcom County. Classrooms get to view hornets up close, including pieces of their nest, and eradication equipment. Photos courtesy of the Ferndale School District.



### UPDATE FROM CANADA

British Columbia's has no new detections. They plan to begin trapping later this spring, and will again appeal to the public for their participation to report sightings.

### STAY CONNECTED

WSDA is dedicated to working with the public and to providing information on Asian giant hornets.

Contact [hornets@agr.wa.gov](mailto:hornets@agr.wa.gov) if you are interested in learning more about Asian giant hornets.

- View [past news releases, blogs, and Pest Program updates](#) about Asian giant hornet.
- Join the [Asian giant hornet Facebook group](#).
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